



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2019

Welcome!

The Year Six team would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and to thank you for our thoughtful Christmas gifts. We hope that the children are well rested and ready for the exciting year ahead.

We have a busy term this Spring and expect the children to work hard and focus ready for their **SATs tests during the week commencing Monday 13th May**. These tests are very important to your child and will measure their success so far in their school life. It is our aim to ensure that every pupil in Year 6 is well prepared for these tests in order to have the best start to their secondary education. In order to support your child at home, please talk to them about what they are learning at school and continue to hear them read as often as possible as well as practising times tables, spelling lists and basic maths skills.

Curriculum Overview

Accompanying this letter, you will find the Year 6 curriculum overview grid for Spring Term. This outlines the units of study that we will be focusing on in our learning. We hope that this will provide you with a good idea of the work your child will be doing in school and how you can support their learning at home.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 18th – 22nd February 2019 Half Term

Visit to Oasis Academy Coulsdon Bread Making TBA (waiting for confirmation from OAC)

Possible visit to Toby Carvery during March/April TBA (waiting for date from company)

Monday 13th May -16th May Year 6 2019 SATS Tests

Friday 7th June – Monday 14th May 2019 Year 5 and 6 Residential to PGL

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team

STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS (SATs)

Year 6 is a very important year for the children in terms of preparing for transition to high school and also working towards the Key Stage 2 SATs in May. This academic year, the tests start on May 13th. At Oasis Byron we are very keen for the children to enjoy their final year at primary school as much as possible and so it is a deliberate intention on our part that the children are fully developing their skills in readiness for high school without feeling that they are being put under unnecessary pressure. The test timetable is recorded below for your information.

2019 Test Time Table

Monday	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test
Tuesday	Reading Test
Wednesday	Maths Test 1 and 2
Thursday	Maths Test 3

P.E.

We will be doing PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday, but please leave your child's PE kit in school as our PE days can change.

Jewellery is not permitted and any children wearing it will be asked to take it off. Any earrings must be **stud earrings**, any other designs will be covered up with plasters.

Celebrations

Every week we hold a Golden Book Assembly where we celebrate children's achievements both in and outside school. If your child has recently done something that they are particularly proud of and would like to share their success with everyone please encourage them to bring this information in so that it can be shared in assembly.

Attendance and Punctuality

Research shows that good school attendance has a huge impact upon children's success in learning. Good attendance helps children to achieve good results, helps them to fulfil their potential and gives them a chance of a better future. At Oasis Academy Byron, we are committed to ensuring that every child in our school fulfils their potential. To help us achieve this we want all of our Year 6 children to have the best possible attendance.

We want to see all our pupils with above 96% attendance

Oasis Academy Byron starts at 8:55am every morning. It is important that children arrive in school on time as it supports them to learn good timekeeping and additionally reduces classroom disruption for the other children and themselves. Our doors open at 8.45am to provide time for the children to settle into class.

Other Information

School Uniform

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that your child follows our school uniform policy by sending him/her to school wearing the correct school uniform, including black school shoes. Please note that no trainers are allowed. Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Equipment.

Every day children will need:

- A Book bag
- Reading diary and book
- PE kit with trainers or plimsolls (**This is compulsory**)
- Small pencil case with a pencil, colouring pencils, glue stick, green pen, pink and green highlighters for marking, eraser, sharpener etc.(optional but advisable)

Timings of the school day

- Children are welcome into the classroom from 8.45am
- The register will be taken at 8.55am promptly.
- School will finish at 3.20pm and the children will exit from the top playground.
- If you would like your child to walk home **alone**, we need a **letter in writing** to confirm that they have your permission to do so.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be brought into school unless permission has been provided by the school. Those pupils with permission **MUST** hand it in to the Office at the start of the school day and collect it at 3.20pm

Home Learning

Like last term, the children will be given home learning in the form of a reading challenge, spellings, activities from their 'Pick and Mix' menu (see menu for explanation) and a weekly Maths or English task. This will be given on a Friday and should be handed in by the Wednesday. Home learning is set in Year 6 to help develop good study habits for high school. We expect that all children will complete their home learning, to the best of their ability, and hand it in on time. Please let us know if your child experiences difficulty in completing their home learning, or if an emergency at home prevents them from completing the activities.

Reading is an essential part of the development of writing and, as such, it is still important that you dedicate time at home to hear your child read and discuss their reading material in depth – this is invaluable for developing the skill of 'interrogating' a text to find implied meanings or information. Children in Year 6 are expected to read for at least 20 minutes every night. The children can choose a book from our class library or a suitable equivalent from home. The book that they are reading should be brought into school every day.

